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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wendell:

Total amount of money raised by taxation,	\$5081 72
Total number of orders issued,	428
Amounting to	\$7548 06

For the following purposes:

TOWN OFFICERS.

Alburn Fiske, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	\$95 00
Andrew Baker, " " "	45 00
John H. Wentworth, " " "	40 00
Henry L. Hoyt, Treasurer,	40 00
N. D. Plumb, Town Clerk,	15 00
N. D. Plumb, Services as Assessor,	26 94
Charles M. Ballou, " "	15 00
Calvin C. Hudson, " "	9 75
Charles M. Ballou, Constable,	10 00
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	\$296 69

STATE AID.

Paid Wm. G. Holden,	\$60 00
George H. Russell,	48 00
George W. Kent,	48 00
George A. and Sarah Lewis,	64 00
William C. Bigelow,	16 00
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	\$236 00

EXPENSES OF THE IRON BRIDGE AT WENDELL DEPOT.

Paid The Wrought Iron Bridge Co., of Canton, Ohio,	
for bridge,	\$717 80
Paid Henry Leherman for stone work for bridge at	
Wendell Depot,	55 00
Paid Enterprise & Journal, printing posters of bridge,	
Wendell Depot,	1 50
Paid for lanterns, oil and care of the same,	5 38
Paid Alburn Fiske for time and expenses in buying and	
overseeing work on bridge,	25 00
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Total expense of bridge,	\$804 68

The Town appropriated \$1000 for building the bridge: the balance was voted to be used on the Highway at a Special meeting.

FIRE BILLS OF 1900.

James Powers,	\$3 10
Flin Wetherby,	45
John Black,	45
Ola Cole,	45
Geo. Mills,	1 05
Lester Beach,	45
Frank Kent,	75
Henry Hoyt,	1 65
Chas. Sisson,	60
Alonzo Granger,	60
Eugene Blair,	1 35
Chas. A. Lewis,	75
Geo. A. Lewis,	90
Wm. A. Davis,	1 05
Allen Carey,	1 05
Caleb Carey,	75
Joel Tucker, Sr.,	1 05
Joel Tucker, Jr.,	1 05

Axel Anderson,	60
Frank Boynton,	60
Rob Boynton,	1 50
Chas. Ballou,	5 40
W. H. Ballou,	1 65
N. D. Plumb,	3 00
G. A. Fleming,	1 65
Chester Plympton,	1 50
Alburn Fiske,	2 10
Andrew Baker,	2 40
Lyndon Cornwell,	75
Walter Godard,	3 50
Roswell Woodard,	52
M. B. Johnson, fire bill,	75
Charles Pratt, "	75
Almon Dirth,	1 57
James and Jesse Powers,	4 77
Nathan and Calvin Hudson,	9 15
T. J. Haskell,	1 50
G. H. Russell,	60
W. H. Waterman,	45
Frank Taylor,	4 50
H. L. Hoyt,	60
C. A. Lewis,	75
G. A. Lewis,	60
W. H. Ballou,	3 67
C. M. Ballou,	3 00
Geo. Mills,	60
N. D. Plumb,	1 00
Chester Clark,	75
Frank Kent,	3 12
H. B. Torrey,	2 10
Robert Cornwell,	2 25
Harlan Howe,	1 95
J. B. Davis,	1 80
Herold Merchant,	75
G. A. Merchant,	75
Andrew Baker,	2 25
Lester Beach,	2 60
H. W. Hunter,	4 00
Stanslow Krusewiz,	2 50

\$101 75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

R. L. Sibley,	\$3 00
N. D. Plumb,	75
Charles A. Lewis,	2 50
Charles Carter,	75
Stilman Putnam,	3 00
J. B. Davis,	1 20
Rice E. Soper, stringers bridge,	4 00
Rob Boynton,	10 00
Jerome Cutter,	28 80
Alonzo Granger,	14 25
Rob Boynton,	4 25
Alburn Fiske, bridge plank and timber,	45 10
Alburn Fiske, highway work,	43 10
Henry Lehrman,	22 50
Alonzo Granger,	11 00
Rob Boynton,	16 35
Alburn Fiske, bridge plank,	5 18
Alburn Fiske, highway work,	86 30
Alonzo Granger, "	2 40
C. Colwell, "	1 50
Axel Anderson,	4 20
M. B. Johnson,	15 97
Frank Kent,	8 70
George Mills,	14 70
Frank Taylor,	6 00
N. R. Hunter,	1 50
C. M. Ballou,	1 50
J. C. Holston,	12 90
Geo. Clark,	20 10
Roy Symonds,	3 00

HIGHWAY WORK AND BRIDGES.

Farley Paper Co., cement and labor on		
abutments of bridge,	\$3	10
William H. Ballou, highway work,	9	90
Jesse Powers, " "	9	90
G. A. Fleming, " "	69	95
Eugene Blair, " "	18	60
N. B. Symonds, " "	6	75
Henry Jostlyn, " "	10	50
Harlan Howe,	15	00
Delmer Soper,	2	25
Uri Stone,	3	00
Wallace Morgan,	5	85
Axel Hook,	4	50
G. A. Merchant,	3	00
E. L. Packard,	2	25
Allie Thomas,	10	00
Andrew Baker,	49	10
Frank Johnson,	3	00
Geo. Strong,	4	50
J. B. Davis,	28	95
Frank Kent,	13	35
R. S. Sibley,	42	00
C. H. Jennison,	19	95
J. H. Webster, stringers, bridge,	6	00
M. B. Johnson, highway,		75
Frank Taylor,	3	75
Charles Woodard,	1	80
N. D. Plumb,		75
Charles M. Ballou,	16	35
E. F. Buzzell,	16	65
Lorenzo Gould,	5	54
M. B. Johnson,	6	75
Geo. Mills,	3	75
T. J. Haskell,	6	00
Alonzo Granger,	5	35
C. H. Jennison,	9	90
G. H. Russell,	1	65
E. S. Woodard,	9	50
W. H. Leonard,	3	00

J. H. Wentworth,	5 25
Geo. Clark,	4 50
Chester Clark,	13 25
Geo. A. Merchant,	10 87
J. B. Davis,	15 63
E. L. Packard,	45
Frank Johnson,	11 25
Andrew Baker, labor and bridge plank,	49 05
H. C. Jostlyn,	3 75
Harlan Howe,	8 16
J. B. Davis,	15 45
Stanslaw Krusvigor,	2 40
Charles Sisson,	4 50
R. E. Soper,	4 00
H. C. Jostlyn,	10 57
E. W. Begor,	4 60
Nathan Hudson,	50
C. F. Headburg,	4 00
Alburn Fiske, bridge plank,	6 00
E. F. Buzzell,	1 35
E. D. Graves, spikes,	80
Frank Kent,	75
G. A. Fleming,	1 75
Chas. A. Lewis,	1 75
Almon Dirth, snow and highway work,	5 50
G. F. Johnson,	2 25
John Harris,	7 50
Axel Anderson,	4 28
Frank Taylor,	9 00
E. D. Graves, plank and spikes,	2 39
Scraper edge and repairs,	14 90
Wm. G. Holden, express on scraper repairs,	1 35
Frank W. Morgan, snow bill,	67
E. L. Packard,	75
N. D. Plumb, highway work,	50

 \$1056 46

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL PURPOSES, 1900.

H. M. Hunter, care of Allen school house,	\$1 50
Stanslaw Krusvigor, mileage,	3 00
Miss DeLay, teaching,	32 00
H. I. Farley, truant officer,	1 50
E. D. Graves, wood,	12 75
Miss DeLay, teaching,	32 00
A. Baker, wood for schools,	7 50
M. P. Guterson, teaching,	108 00
M. E. Murphay, “	96 00
Miss DeLay, “	32 00
Town of Montague, tuition,	30 00
Orange Hardware Co.,	4 49
Town of Orange, tuition,	50 75
L. M. Hook, teaching,	84 00
Emory Dry Goods Store, supplies,	2 40
H. L. Hoyt, repairs on school house,	2 00
Town of Erving, tuition,	200 00
Edward Babb & Co., blackboards,	17 85
Town of New Salem, tuition,	25 00
N. D. Symonds, labor on school house,	11 40
V. I. Stone, mileage,	3 00
Millie Perspire, labor cleaning school house,	3 00
Everett Packard, express on school supplies,	1 25
Orange Hardware Co., paint,	1 43
Flora Packard, cleaning,	1 00
William McLearn, painting,	2 70
R. M. Haynes, labor on school house,	6 00
N. B. Symonds, “ “	1 00
J. H. Wentworth, taking school census,	5 00
John P. Hunter, care of Allen school house,	1 50
J. H. Brown, mileage,	4 50
C. C. Stebbins, wood,	4 00
Cora A. Stearns, teaching,	117 00
M. E. Murphay, “	102 00
J. E. DeLay, “	64 00

O. D. Baker, repairs,	1 00
N. D. Symonds, labor,	6 00
L. M. Hook, teaching,	91 00
J. E. DeLay, “	32 00
Jerome Cutter, mileage,	2 75
C. C. Stebbins, wood,	4 00
W. E. Goddard, mileage,	8 25
J. H. Webster, wood,	6 25
L. M. Hook, teaching,	56 00
J. E. DeLay, “	32 00
Cora A. Stearns, “	72 00
Stephen C. Ballou, care of school house,	2 00
Lizzie Mason, school supplies,	53 49
Mrs. J. H. Wentworth, mileage,	8 00
Axel Hook, moldings and labor on black- boards,	8 00
Mrs. L. M. Hooke, care of school house,	2 00
Mrs. C. A. Stearns, school committee, services and supplies,	19 83
L. A. Mason, school supplies,	28 60
M. E. Murphay, teaching,	76 50
J. T. DeLay, “	40 00
J. H. Wentworth, services school com- mittee,	10 00
E. F. Buzzell, services school committee,	10 70
Bessie B. Brown, mileage and tuition,	20 00
Henry Lehrman, mileage,	31 00
Delmer Soper, “	18 00
C. H. Cogswell, school supplies,	2 25
G. A. Lewis, wood,	8 00
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	\$1721 14

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Chas. A. Lewis, for services as ballot clerk,	2 00
Julia Kavana, books for library,	10 00
G. A. Lewis, for inspecting meat and cattle from Oct. 28, 1899, to April 1, 1900,	33 00
G. A. Fleming, services as moderator,	2 00
S. W. Bowen, services as auditor,	4 00
N. D. Plumb, making deed of Cutter property,	1 00
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing town reports,	57 90
Chas. C. Ballou, treasurer Free Library, by vote of town,	25 00
N. D. Plumb, assessors' and dog license books,	2 40
W. H. Leonard, painting hearse,	3 00
Orange Enterprise, printing auction bills,	1 00
John C. Holston, services as auctioneer,	1 50
Frank Taylor, mowing cemetery,	2 00
G. A. Lewis, inspecting cattle and meat from April 1, 1900, to Jan. 26, 1901,	50 75
S. Marshal Keith, painting Town Hall,	115 00
L. L. Hunt, delivering telegrams,	1 00
Enterprise & Journal, printing,	1 75
Calvin C. Hudson, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
N. D. Plumb, express and postage,	7 35
C. T. Bagnall, printing voting list and licenses,	4 46
Julia Kavana, librarian services,	25 00
N. D. Plumb, recording births, deaths and mar- riages,	8 20
Chas. A. Lewis, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
F. E. Johnson, M. D., and others, return of births,	1 75
Alburn Fiske, justice fees, writing material and postage,	8 00
H. L. Hoyt, care of Town Hall and wood,	7 00
H. L. Hoyt, postage and stationery,	3 00
C. M. Ballou, collector, 5 per cent. discount on tax of 1900,	143 00
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	\$525 00

ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

John C. Holston, collector, abatement on Orange Knitting Co.,	\$88 00
John C. Holston, collector, abatement on Royal Mfg. Co.,	174 00
J. C. Holston, collector, abatement on tax of A. P. Putnam, 1897 and 1898,	8 00
J. C. Holston, collector, abatement on tax of W. W. Fiske, 1897,	4 00
J. C. Holston, abatement on tax of 1897,	36 40
C. M. Ballou, collector, abatement of tax, 1900,	4 00
C. M. Ballou, " " " 1900,	1 50
C. M. Ballou, " " " 1899,	24 00
C. M. Ballou, " " " 1900,	23 80
J. C. Holston, " " " 1898,	2 00
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	\$365 70

BILLS PAID ON ACCOUNT OF JEROME CUTTER AND FAMILY.

E. F. Stafford, goods to Mrs. Cutter,	\$24 50
J. B. Walker, " " "	12 00
J. H. Wentworth, " " "	14 66
Mrs. C. L. Woodard, board of the Cutter family,	18 00
C. H. Cogswell, goods to Mrs. Cutter,	83 07
C. C. Brooks, table " "	4 00
James McKenna, appraiser of the Cutter fire on in- surance,	5 00
C. H. Cogswell, goods to Mrs. Cutter,	96 87
Andrew Baker, rent of Hartson place to the Cutter family,	30 00
George Stowell, farm for Cutter,	400 00
Wm. S. Dana & Conant, counsel fees in case of Jerome Cutter,	15 00
Selectmen's time and expenses in the Cutter affair,	25 00
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	\$728 10

Town received from the insurance company on account of the Cutter family,	\$672 50
Received from C. M. Ballou for grass sold from the Cutter farm,	40 00
Interest on the Cutter fund from May 1, 1900, to Oct. 30, 1900,	12 07
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	\$724 57

Balance due the town of	3 53
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TOWN AID AND OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Wallace Raymond for board and care of Mrs. Alonzo Fleming from Feb. 1, 1900 to Feb. 1, 1901,	\$137 61
Paid N. D. Plumb and William Davis for board of Charles Rogers from Feb. 1, 1900 to Feb. 1, 1901,	142 20
Burial expenses of Amos Lane,	12 50
Alburn Fiske, wood, to Wm. Johnson,	4 00
Mrs. Frank Boynton, board and care of E. H. Abbott,	55 00
W. D. Strong, house rent to Boleo family,	48 00
G. A. Fleming, burial expenses of Mrs. Lyon,	26 00
G. A. Lewis, goods to Chas. Rogers,	2 90
Andrew Baker, goods to Lyon family,	3 00
C. H. Cogswell, goods to E. H. Abbott,	12 19
S. P. Woodbury, M. D., attendance Mrs. Lyon,	3 25
S. J. Ten Brook, M. D., attendance Mrs. Begor,	16 50
F. H. Fearl, M. D., attendance to E. H. Abbott,	13 50
F. H. Fearl, M. D., " Mrs. Terry,	19 50
Alpheus Moore, burial expenses of Wm. C. Johnson,	22 00
O. R. Whitney, digging grave " "	2 50
James B. Marsh, goods to Chas. Rogers,	1 00
G. A. Lewis, " " "	2 00
Paid the Northampton Insane Hospital for board and care four inmates, of which three-fourths of this amount is paid back to the town by the State,	677 84
C. M. Ballou, keeping four tramps,	2 00
F. E. Johnson, M. D., professional services, Mrs. Lyon,	8 75
Town of Montague, aid Wm. C. Johnson,	43 34
Town of Orange, aid Allen Call and family, bills of 1899 and 1900,	187 11
Town of Orange, aid to J. H. Whitney and family, bills of 1899 and 1900,	254 50
Wallace Raymond, nurse and supplies for Mrs. Alonzo Fleming,	16 25
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	\$1712 54

CASH ASSETS, FEB. 15th, 1901.

Chas. M. Ballou, Coll., due on taxes of 1899,	\$431 15
Chas. M. Ballou, Coll., due on taxes of 1900,	1868 25
John C. Holston, Coll., due on taxes of 1898,	13 83
State Treasurer, State aid,	372 00
Interest due from R. P. Cornwell,	57 20
Cash in Treasury,	119 04
State Treasurer, State Pauper,	12 50
" " on account of Insane, Northampton,	128 13
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	\$3002 10

OTHER RESOURCES, FEB. 15th, 1901.

Town Farm,	\$800 00
Estate of Wm. H. Phelps,	800 00
Mary Phelps Fund,	200 00
R. P. Cornwell, note,	540 00
E. W. Fiske's land,	50 00
Deed of the Estate of M. A. Hannigan,	28 56

LIABILITIES, FEB. 15th, 1901.

Outstanding orders,	\$814 59	
Orange Savings Bank,	500 00	
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ALBURN FISKE,	}	Selectmen of Wendell.
ANDREW BAKER,		
J. H. WENTWORTH,		

WENDELL, FEB. 15, 1901.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

E. P. SEYMOUR, Auditor.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor have provided the last year board for Mr. Charles Rogers a part of the time with N. D. Plumb and with William Davis and have paid for board \$2.75 per week.

Mrs. Alonzo Fleming has been cared for by Wallace Raymond a part of the time for the last year; we have paid \$6 per month, and some of the time one dollar per day; this has cost the town \$158.00 without the doctor's bill which has not been received.

We have seven families which we have aided in the last year, and these bills have been very large.

At Northampton Insane Hospital there are four persons, for which we have issued orders for \$677.84 and we are paid back from the State three-fourths of the sum total.

ALBURN FISKE,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
ANDREW BAKER,		
J. H. WENTWORTH,		

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END- ING FEB. 14, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of G. A. Fleming, Treas. for 1899,	\$698 78
" Orange National Bank, loan acc. Sinking Fund,	8000 00
" " Savings Bank, loan 1900,	1000 00
" " National Bank, amount Sinking Fund,	8000 00
" " interest on " "	155 92
" Insurance on buildings of Jerome Cutter,	672 50
" State Treas. income Mass. School Fund,	752 39
" State aid,	224 00
" " Tuition of pupils in small towns,	105 75
" " Account insane paupers,	380 25
" " " State pauper,	16 50
" " " burial indigent soldier,	35 00
" " " inspection of animals,	10 25
" C. A. Stearns, State money for school supt.	66 81
" " account W. H. Stearns,	42 38
" Franklin S. Institution, int. on Mary Phelps Fund,	29 70
" County Treas., Dog Fund,	35 40
" C. M. Ballou, use Jerome Cutter farm,	40 00
" Julia Kavana, grass on Town farm,	52 00
" Andrew Baker, grass on Commons,	12 25
" E. S. Putnam, license for pool table,	2 00
" E. P. Seymour, use Town farm pasture,	4 00
" H. B. Torrey, amt. Town Order,	2 10
" C. M. Ballou, slaughter house license,	1 00
" Harlan Howe, " " "	1 00
" J. C. Holston, Coll., on tax of 1898,	408 40
" " " int. on tax of 1898,	4 00
" C. M. Ballou, Coll., on tax of 1899,	454 71
" " " " on tax of 1900,	3213 47

\$24420 56

PAYMENTS.

Paid Nat. Bank of the Republic, State loan, 1890,	\$8000 00
" Int. on State note to May 1, 1900,	160 00
" Orange Nat. Bank, loan acc. Sinking Fund,	8000 00
" " " int. on loan,	77 00
" " Savings Bank, on loan of 1900,	500 00
" " " int. on loan,	27 09
" State Treasurer, State tax,	135 00
" County Treasurer, County tax,	552 46
" Lizzie A. Mason, salary, Supt. of schools,	74 70
" E. C. Fowler, sheriff fees in cases of Frank Terry,	
Roy A. and Helén L. Call,	19 75
" E. J. Pratt, sheriff fees case Stanislaw Krusicwicz,	4 88
" J.C.Holston, Coll. deed of John McIlvaine's est.	8 57
" J. D. Bouker, recording deed " "	1 00
" " " " " from Jerome Cutter	
to Town of Wendell,	50
" J. D. Bouker, recording deed from George Stowell	
to Town of Wendell,	50
" J.D.Bouker, dis.mortgages, Jerome Cutter estate,	75
" " " for abstracts of Phelps deeds,	1 00
" Selectmen's orders of 1898,	75
" " " " 1899,	29 10
" " " " 1900,	6708 47
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1901,	119 04
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	\$24420 56

H. L. HOYT, Treasurer.

WENDELL, FEB. 15, 1901.

This may certify that I have examined the accounts of H. L. Hoyt, Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

E. P. SEYMOUR, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SINKING FUND
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEB. 1901.

April 28, 1900.	Rec'd of Orange Nat. Bank		
	loan to pay note of 1890,	\$8000	00
May 1, 1900.	Paid Nat. Bank of the		
	Republic, note of 1890,		\$8000 00
July 3, 1900.	Rec'd through Orange		
	Nat. Bank, amt. Sinking		
	Fund,	8000	00
"	" Interest on same,	155	92
"	" Paid Orange Nat. Bank loan,		8000 00
"	" Interest on loan,		77 00
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		\$16155 92	\$16077 00
		\$16077 00	
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	Balance,	\$78	92

E. D. GRAVES,
J. H. WENTWORTH, } Sinking Fund
O. D. BAKER, } Commissioners.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF WENDELL FOR THE YEAR 1900.

BIRTHS REGISTERED.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
March 8,	Lura Faustina,	Chas. H. and Emma Davis Cogswell.
April 8,	Helen Dorothy,	Frank and Maud Soper Cook.
May 25,	Benjamin Harrison,	Frank H. and Mary Morey Terry.
May 30,	Egbert H.	Chas. H. and Mary Hastings Tenny.
June 17,	Robert,	John and Mary Carey Black.
Aug. 6,	Frazier Z. Jr.,	Frazier and Ida Carey.
Oct. 6,	Anna J.	John and Anna Ballou Maddern.
Oct. 30,	Magdeline,	Anthony and Magdeline Wisnow.
Dec. 4,	Pearl Gladis,	Erkine and Sarah Lee Wright.

Comparison table of Births for the past five years:

1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
14	13	10	16	9

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

Jan.	13,	Chas. E. Weeks of Wendell, aged 39, and Mrs. Frank M. Stacy, of Wendell, aged 39, by N. D. Plumb, Esq.
Feb.	11,	Eugene Blair of Greenfield, aged 27, and Sadie May Spooner of Petersham, aged 16, by N. D. Plumb, Esq.
Jan.	4,	Frank H. Cook of Montague, aged 25, and Maud A. Soper of Wendell, aged 19, by Noah Rankin, Esq.
April	16,	Alexander Bedore of Wendell, aged 21, and Amelia Disotell of Wendell, aged 21, by Rev. John S. Nelligan.
April	30,	Anthony Vishnow of Wendell, aged 25, and Magdaline Peperite of Wendell, aged 20, by Rev. John S. Nelligan.

- Nov. 3, Chas. W. Carter of Wendell, aged 35, and Catherine Hickey, aged 30, of Wendell, by N. D. Plumb, Esq.
- July 2, Geo. E. Mills of Wendell, aged 41, and Etta F. Parker of New Hampshire, aged 21, by Rev. Edgar Blake.
- Nov. 6, Frank K. Bachelder of Wendell, aged 22, and Gertrude L. Shumway of Orange, aged 21, by Rev. W. E. Webster.

Comparison table of Marriages for the past five years :

1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
5	1	6	4	8

DEATHS REGISTERED.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	DISEASE.
March 8,	Walter Henry Gibbs,	6 months.	Convulsions.
Unknown.	Amos Lane,	35 years,	Drowning.
Aug. 9,	Frazier Carey, Jr.	3 days,	Aucete Enterites.
Oct. 15,	Anna B. Maddern,	29 years,	Child Birth.
Oct. 16,	Anna J. Maddern,	7 days,	Hemorrhage.
Oct. 17,	Dexter Wheelock,	77 years,	Dropsy.

Comparison table of Deaths for the past five years:

1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
10	15	12	10	6

If any mistakes have been made in the above lists, either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts the record will be corrected.

DOGS.

There has been \$90.00 returned to the County Treasurer on account of Dogs Licensed.

PERSONAL MORTGAGES.

There has been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from Jan. 1, 1900, to Dec. 31, 1900, Seven Mortgages of Personal Property.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON D. PLUMB,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENDELL :

Your attention is called to the fact that while the statistics are computed for the year ending in June, 1900, the financial report herewith submitted, is for the fiscal year ending February 13, 1901.

The Northeast school was discontinued at the close of the spring term, 1899, leaving but four schools in operation. It is a difficult matter to accommodate all our scholars satisfactorily, yet we have not felt justified in keeping open more than the four schools, owing to the small enrollment.

There has been a good attendance on the part of nearly every child living at a distance from the schools. This regularity gives evidence of the interest felt by the parents and is much appreciated by your committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation, March, 1900,	\$1000 00
Town school fund,	32 40
School share of dog fund,	20 40
Income Mass. school fund,	502 39
“ “ “ “ additional for	
teachers' salaries,	250 00
From State, on account district supervision,	66 81
From State, reimbursement High School	
tuition,	105 75
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	\$1977 75

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries,	\$1066 50	
School committee,	35 00	
Care of buildings,	10 20	
Fuel and fitting,	42 50	
Repairs,	66 62	
Miscellaneous, including books and supplies,	94 57	
Superintendent's salary,	74 70	
Mileage and tuition,	103 25	
Tuition, Erving,	200 00	
Tuition, high school,	105 75	
	<hr/>	\$1799 09
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$178 66

ACTUAL COST TO THE TOWN FOR
SCHOOLS, 1900-1901.

Amount paid as per preceding statement,		\$1799 09
Less received from State, Mass. School Fund,	\$502 39	
Less received from State, for teachers' salaries,	250 00	
Less received from State, on ac- count Dist. Supt.,	66 81	
Less received from State, reim- bursement high school tui- tion,	105 75	
	<hr/>	\$924 95
Net cost,		<hr/> \$874 14

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Mrs. L. M. Hook,	\$231 00	
Mrs. C. A. Stearns,	189 00	
Miss M. E. Murphay,	274 50	
Miss M. P. Gutterson,	108 00	
Miss J. T. DeLay,	264 00	
	<hr/>	\$1066 50

SALARIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. F. Buzzell, chairman,	\$10 00	
Mrs. C. A. Stearns, secretary,	15 00	
J. H. Wentworth,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 00

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Allen school, care and cleaning,	\$4 50	
Centre " "	3 70	
Southwest " "	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 20

FUEL.

E. D. Graves,	\$12 75	
Andrew Baker,	7 50	
C. C. Stebbins,	8 00	
J. H. Webster,	6 25	
G. A. Lewis,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$42 50

REPAIRS.

Orange Hardware Co.,	\$5 92	
F. Emery, curtains,	2 40	
H. L. Hoyt,	2 00	
Edw. Babb & Co., blackboards,	17 85	
Everard Packard, express on blackboards,	1 25	
N. D. Symonds, labor and stock,	18 40	
Axel Hook, " "	8 00	
R. W. Haynes, " "	6 00	
C. H. Cogswell, " "	1 10	
W. McLearn, painting,	2 70	
O. D. Baker, small repairs,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$66 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. H. Cogswell, supplies,	\$1 15	
H. I. Farley, truant officer,	1 50	
J. H. Wentworth, school census,	5 00	
L. A. Mason, books and supplies,	82 09	
Postage, express, small supplies, etc.,	4 83	
	<hr/>	\$94 57

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

Lizzie A. Mason,	\$74 70
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MILEAGE.

S. Krusiewicz,	3 00	
U. A. Stone,	7 75	
J. H. Brown,	4 50	
Jerome Cutter,	2 75	
W. E. Goddard,	8 25	
Henry Lehrmann,	31 00	
Delmer Soper,	18 00	
Mrs. J. H. Wentworth, mileage and tuition,	8 00	
Bessie Brown, mileage and tuition,	20 00	
	<hr/>	103 25

TUITION.

Town of Montague, high school,	\$30 00	
“ Orange, “	50 75	
“ New Salem, “	25 00	
“ Erving,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$305 75

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. BUZZELL,	} School Committee.
MRS. C. A. STEARNS,	
J. H. WENTWORTH,	

NAMES OF PUPILS PERFECT IN ATTEND-
ANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING
IN JUNE, 1900.

Three Terms.

Hook, Agnes
Hook, Gustof
Thomas, Mamie
Woodard, Elzina

Two Terms.

Cornwell, Carrie
Haskell, George
Merchant, George
Merchant, Maud
Taylor, Edith
Wetherby, George
Woodard, George
Woodard, Willie

One Term.

Ballou, Henry
Begor, Solon
Cornwell, Mary
Dirth, Florence
Goddard, Walter
Hunter, Clifford
Hunter, Walter
Lehrmann, Henry
Morey, Florence
Russell, Daisy
Stone, Frank
Taylor, Warren
Woodard, Frank

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WENDELL :

In reviewing the work of the year the facts pertaining to statistics first claim attention.

These are compiled from registers which include the school year from September, 1899, to June, 1900, as required by the State Board of Education, instead of from April to April, as formerly.

It is believed that statistics based upon the regular school year will be more accurate and uniform throughout the state.

Table showing Schools, Teachers, Attendance, etc., for Year Ending in June, 1900.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Number Enrolled.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per-cent. of Attend- ance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Number of half- day Absences.	Number of Visitors.
Centre,	Mrs. C. A-Stearns, Miss M. P. Gutterson,	34	27.29	26.	95	61	393	115
Allen,	Miss Edith Mears, Miss M. P. Gutterson, Miss J. T. DeLay,	13	12.42	11.60	93	23	232	21
Southwest,	Mrs. L. M. Hook,	6	5.86	5.38	92	25	71	49
Northwest,	Miss M. E. Murphay,	18	16.13	14.47	90	34	515	56
Total,		71	61.70	57.45	93	143	1211	241

There were seventeen pupils schooled at Farley, six at Erving, also seven at the Allen and three at the Southwest who are not counted in our enrolment because they had previously been enrolled elsewhere in the State.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

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	<i>Number of Children in town between 5 & 15 years.</i>	<i>Whole number in Schools, not including those schooled out of town.</i>	<i>Number in Schools under 5 years.</i>	<i>Number in Schools over 15 years.</i>	<i>Number in Schools between 5 and 15 years.</i>	<i>Average Membership.</i>	<i>Average Attendance.</i>	<i>Per cent. of Attendance.</i>	<i>Whole number of Schools.</i>
1891	89	90	1	3	86	67	62	91	4
1892	99	93	3	2	88	65	60	93	5
1893	93	93	1	1	91	71	66	93	5
1894	96	92	1	4	87	69	65	94	5
1895	80	97	1	1	95	65	61	94	5
1896	104	107	4	9	94	80	76	95	5
1897	120	111	1	9	101	79	74	94	5
1898	105	92	0	5	87	65	62	96	5
1899	105	94	1	3	90	67	64	96	5
1900	100	81	0	2	79	62	57	93	4

There has been a decrease in our per cent. of attendance, due to two causes — an unusual amount of illness, and the fact that the State Board now requires a different marking on the school registers. Formerly a name was dropped after five consecutive days' absence. Now we are required to keep it on the roll for ten days.

In respect to regularity of attendance our schools compare favorably with other towns.

While a good attendance does not necessarily prove the success of the schools — for the most important part of the school work is not susceptible of formulation, can neither be shown by statistics nor expressed in words. — it shows in a large measure the confidence of the community in its schools. "Not how many, but how well they have attended, is the important question."

There were few changes in the teaching force for the year ending in June, 1900. Miss M. E. Murphay at the Northwest, and Mrs. L. M. Hook at the Southwest, remained through the year. Three teachers were employed at the Allen school, two at the Centre.

Concerning the work of the year there seems little to write that has not been given in former reports.

The main purpose of the school is to elevate and invigorate character. To this end the essential factor is the teacher. To realize our ideals the teacher must be one who has the ability to manage a school by the habitual use of moral influence; one who has good intellectual qualifications, a broad, generous nature, decision of character and skill in teaching. A poor teacher inevitably defeats the main purpose of the school.

Realizing this truth, we have given great care to the selection of teachers and to their training while in the work. We have employed none but trained teachers, or those whose ability has been tested in

the school room. Such as meet these requirements we endeavor to retain at the highest salary we can afford to pay.

The tendency is to overcrowd the course of study; to require a large amount of clerical work. It is a mistake to work a teacher beyond the limit of her strength.

All the required studies, and studies that are required for entrance to any grade in any town or city in the State, are followed in our schools, but an effort is made to so adjust these studies and reduce as far as possible the clerical work, as to leave the teacher opportunity for recreation and for work outside of the school room that shall broaden and elevate character.

The most economical feature of any school is the best teacher that can be obtained and the retention of such a teacher at a good salary. As quoted in a former report, "The most extravagant feature is a poor teacher at any salary."

The best is the cheapest in schools as in all other departments of business. "Not what is the best we can do for a certain sum, but what is the least for which we can secure certain results with the least possible outlay of money" is still our motto.

In the schools are the most precious jewels of the nation, the treasures of every household. The hearts of the parents are in the schools and no good thing will they withhold from them after they fully understand their needs. Gladly they furnish the means necessary for their growth and improvement when convinced of their necessities.

In June a day was set aside as parents' day. An invitation was extended to all interested to visit the schools. Writing and drawing papers—the daily work of the term—which included the written work in all departments, were on exhibition. The regular

work was continued throughout the day. While we were gratified that so many were interested we would welcome visits at more frequent intervals, feeling assured that the more intimate the acquaintance between parents and schools the more will the work of the schools be appreciated.

October twenty-sixth the Franklin County Teachers' Association held a convention in town hall, Orange, which was attended by all the teachers in the district.

The expenses of these conventions are met by an appropriation from the State and an annual assessment of thirty-five cents from each member.

These meetings are helpful, not alone from a pedagogical standpoint but for the inspiration and impetus to higher quality of work which they give.

Two pupils received diplomas at the close of the Spring term, Florence G. Morey of the Centre school and M. Edward Cannon of the Allen. The former entered the New Salem High school and the latter the Orange High in September.

In the management of schools the matter of school government is of primary importance. It is one of the chief difficulties which all teachers have to meet, and no good teaching can be done unless the school is under good control. It has an important bearing upon the moral as well as intellectual growth and should receive constant attention. The ability to govern a school wisely and well depends in a measure upon prudence and self control and is a necessary factor in accomplishing the legitimate aims of the school.

There is much less time given to this department of the work than formerly. Recognizing the principle that a happy, busy child is easily controlled, more

effort is made to interest and lead, than to force and drive.

I am pleased to say that the teachers of this district are to be commended for the management of their respective schools. Corporal punishment is seldom resorted to, and never except in extreme cases.

In concluding this, my tenth annual report, it gives me pleasure to acknowledge the uniform courtesy and cordial support accorded me by committee, teachers, and patrons of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE A. MASON,

Superintendent of Schools.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SCHOOL LAWS.

CHAPTER 494.—*An act to regulate the employment of labor.*

SECTION 1. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at any work before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

CHAPTER 495.—*An Act relative to school attendance and truancy.*

SECTION 12. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in Sections 3, 7; 10

and 11 of this act: *provided*, that the superintendent of schools or, where there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent of schools or school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence.

SECTION 24. Every habitual truant, that is, every child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of Section 12 of this act, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, and if a girl, to the State industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in Section 28 of this act.

SECTION 31.—Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half-day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by Section twelve of this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

A brief summary of the laws relating to labor and school attendance is given below :

No child under fourteen years of age can work in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment at any time.

Every child between seven and fourteen years of age must attend school while the schools are in session. After five days of unexcused absence the parent or guardian of any child who is not in school is liable to a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

Any person who employs a child under fourteen years of age for any purpose, while the schools are in session, is liable to a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES WENDELL FREE LIBRARY.

TO THE HON. SELECTMEN, TOWN OF WENDELL,
MASS.:

The patrons of the Library have found the doors open every Saturday, excepting during the painting of the same. The interest continues the same as in former years. Our librarian, who has so ably filled the position since the Library was first started, was at her request granted a leave of absence this winter, and her place has been very acceptably filled by the trustees during her absence, by Mrs. F. A. Packard. We have added by purchase 47 books, and by gift 30 books, from the following: Mrs. J. M. Ballou, Miss Alice G. Chandler, Peabody Institute of Peabody, Women's Educational Association of Boston and the Hon. C. B. Tillinghast, of the State Library Commission.

Our receipts and expenses have been:

RECEIPTS:

Receipts from old accounts,	\$	43	
from town appropriation,	25	00	
from dog fund,	15	00	
Total,			\$40 43

EXPENSES.

Paid for books,	\$28	84	
for magazines,	2	00	
for postage on magazines,	1	25	
for map of New England,	1	00	
for sundry expenses,	3	60	
Amount to new account,	3	74	
			\$40 43

H. J. SMITH,	} Trustees.
MRS. C. A. STEARNS,	
CHAS. M. BALLOU,	

Books Catalogued This Year.

BIOGRAPHY, ETC.

Allen, Ethan. Life,	4	31
Crockett, D. Life,	4	32
Greenhalge, F. T. Life,	4	29
Harvard Reminiscences,	4	30

FICTION.

Allen, J. L. Reign of Law,	A	18
“ Kentucky Cardinal,	A	19
Barr, R. Teckla,	B	36
“ Jennie Baxter, Journalist,		37
Barrett. In Old New York,		38
Batchelder. Eben Holden,		39
Burnett, F. H. In Connection with the DeWilloughby Claim,		34
Buchanan, R. The Heir of Linne,		35
Churchill. The Celebrity,	C	60
Cooper, J. F. Wing and Wing,		61
Correlli. Master Christian,		62
Crawford, M. In the Palace of the King,		63
Findlater, J. H. Rachel,	F	21
Goss, C. F. The Redemption of David Corson,	G	11
Harland, H. Cardinal's Snuff-Box,	H	63
Hayes. Open Polar Sea,		58

Henty, G. A.	One of the 28th,		60
Hewlett, M.	Forest Lovers,		61
Holmes, O. W.	One Hundred Days in Europe.		59
Hope, A.	Phroso,		62
Johnson, M.	To Have and to Hold,	J	5
King, Capt.	Warrior Gap,	K	21
"	Army Wife,		22
Kipling, R.	The Light That Failed,		20
Kountz.	Billy Baxter's Letters,		21
Lland.	Memoirs of a Goodfornothing,	L	13
Ludovici.	Knight Conrad,		14
Marsh.	Gentleman Juror,	M	30
Montague.	Written with Red,		29
Miller, Mrs. A. McV.	Guy Kenmore's Wife,		28
Mumm.	Uncle Terry,		31
Oswald, E.	Vain Forebodings,	O	10
Page, T. N.	Red Rock,	P	15
"	The Old Gentleman of the Black Stock,		16
Pidgin, C. F.	Quincy Adams Sawyer,		18
Pollard.	Cape Storms,		17
Ritchie.	The Mute Singer,	R	29
Sage, R.	Robert Tournay,	S	36
Stephens, R. W.	Philip Winwood,		33
Van Dyke, H.	Fisherman's Luck.	V	5

Walford. Sir Patrick, the Puddock,	W	27
Ward, Mrs. H. Eleanor,		30
Wilkins, M. E. Heart's Highway,		29
Wyman, S. Sophia.		28
Yonge, C. M. The Wardship of Steep-		
combe,	Y	4

JUVENILE.

Anderson, H. Stories,	7	3
Bonehill, Capt. Off for Hawaii,	9	2
" Sailor Boy with Dewey,	9	3
Burnett, F. H. Piccino, and Other Stories,	9	8
Champney. Vassar Girls in the Tyrol,	8	6
Davis, R. H. Stories for Boys,	7	42
DeMille. Fire in the Woods,	9	7
Grimm. Fairy Tales,	7	43
Hill. That Horrid Sarah,	7	44
Kirby, M. and E. Aunt Martha's Corner Cupboard.	9	1
Meade. A Young Mountaineer,	9	4
" Good Luck,	9	5
Plympton, A. G. The Flower in the Wil-		
derness,	9	6

Swift.	Pro and Con,	8	32
"	Our Little Men and Women,	8	49
"	Sailor Boy,	8	46
"	Story Land,	8	50

HISTORY.

The Cannoneer,	5	25
Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of Rev- olutionary War, 7 volumes.	6	10
1st Mass. Volunteers, 1898,	6	11
History 9th Mass. Vols., '61 to '64,	6	12
'98 Campaign 6th Mass. Vols.,	6	13

POETRY.

Burns, R.	Poems and Life,	4 vols.	10	14-17
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MAGAZINES.

Sabbath at Home,	12	17
14 vols. Atlantic Monthly, Nos. 60, 61, 67, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74.		

REFERENCE.

Johnson's Encyclopædia.	4 vols.
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SCIENCE.

Flammarion.	Wonders of Science,	3	28
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Annual Report
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wendell:

Total amount of money raised by taxation,	\$5013 84
Total number of orders issued,	454
Amounting to	\$9448 47
For the following purposes ;	

TOWN OFFICERS.

Alburn Fiske, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	\$115 25
Andrew Baker, " " "	72 00
J H. Wentworth, " " "	50 00
Henry C. Hoyt, Treasurer;	40 00
N. D. Plumb, Town Clerk,	15 00
N. D. Plumb, Services as Assessor and Supplies,	31 85
C. M. Ballou, " "	15 00
Calvin C. Hudson, " "	14 50
Charles M. Ballou, Constable,	5 00
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	\$358 60

STATE AID.

Paid to Six Persons,	\$272 00
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Eugene Blair,	\$1 50
Walter Goddard,	3 50
G. A. Fleming,	17 50
James and Jesse Powers,	11 55
E. D. Graves, spikes and rake,	80
John Sandburg,	1 50
Joel Tucker,	1 65
Will Hunter,	3 00
Ed. Prespair,	37
Linden Cornwell,	82
John Cumings,	1 50
George McPherson,	9 00

R. P. Cornwell,	9 62
Eugene Blair,	3 75
Frank Kent,	7 95
Joseph Wetherby,	1 20
George Mills,	4 50
Merrill Johnson,	6 00
N. D. Plumb,	17 00
R. L. Sibley,	3 00
Frank Taylor,	6 00
Frank Taylor,	8 25
Andrew Baker,	12 00
Henry Jostlyn,	3 30
Jesse Powers,	3 00
Curtis Tucker,	1 65
Joel Tucker,	1 50
Robert Boynton,	1 20
G. A. Lewis,	85
Charles Carter,	1 50
S. W. Hook,	1 00
Merrill Johnson,	12 00
G. A. Fleming,	14 00
George Mills,	9 00
John Sandburg,	11 70
Stanslaw Kruswicz,	3 50
Frank Kent,	14 25
Frank Taylor,	2 70
R. P. Cornwell,	43 25
Geo. McPherson,	14 02
Eugene Blair,	9 75
Nelson D. Plumb,	27 00
Jesse Powers,	4 20
G. A. Fleming,	3 50
Chas. A. Lewis,	13 30
Eugene Blair,	5 25
Merrill Johnson,	3 00
Almon Dirth,	4 50
Geo. Mills,	3 00
Alburn Fiske,	50 05
Elisha Woodard,	19 32
Romie Woodard,	9 82
Walter Goddard,	75
Merrill Johnson,	20 85

N. D. Plumb,	32 50
C. M. Ballou,	3 50
G. A. Fleming,	3 50
Jesse Powers,	1 50
Joseph Weatherby,	5 50
George Mills,	10 50
Joseph Champaign,	4 20
William H. Ballou,	18 82
E. H. Abbott,	2 40
John Sandburg,	8 25
Joel Tucker,	4 50
Frank Kent,	3 00
Geo. H. Russell,	5 25
C. H. Plympton,	1 50
Wallace Fiske,	1 50
John Harris,	7 00
S. W. Hook, guide boards,	1 20
Frank Johnson,	3 50
Axel Hook,	4 35
Henry C. Jostlyn,	16 27
G. A. Merchant,	7 50
Uri Stone,	9 60
Andrew Baker & Son,	65 61
Wallace Morgan,	1 50
E. L. Packard,	2 85
John B. Davis,	25 94
Frank Taylor,	9 60
J. H. Wentworth, bridge plank,	21 58
Curtis Tucker,	4 35
E. F. Buzzell,	41 87
Orange Hardware Co., paint and brush,	2 45
E. D. Graves, bridge plank and spikes,	6 31
Charles H. Jennison,	62 45
P. J. Anderson,	7 35
A. M. Anderson,	6 00
E. L. Woodard,	5 00
Henry Hoyt, repairs on scraper,	1 35
Walter Batchelder,	7 50
Robert Boynton,	17 40
N. B. Symonds,	2 25
Allie Thomas,	9 20
Harlan Howe,	33 25

Uri Stone,	2 85
Wallace Morgan,	4 50
G. A. Merchant,	1 50
Leon Locke,	7 85
Henry C. Jostlyn,	4 20
Baker & Baker,	14 25
W. H. Davis,	6 15
John B. Davis,	21 04
E. F. Buzzell,	16 00
Alburn Fiske, lumber for railing,	12 00
Mador La Clair,	50
William H. Ballou,	5 00
Geo. Mills,	6 00
Rossie Woodard,	12 25
Elisha Woodard,	12 00
John Harris,	33 25
Robert Boynton,	4 50
N. D. Plumb,	26 60
Joel Tucker,	1 50
S. M. Keith,	16 16
C. A. Lewis,	28 00
G. A. Fleming,	14 00
Harry Haskell,	13 50
Almon Dirth,	16 50
Frank Kent,	13 50
Calvin Hudson,	7 50
C. M. Ballou,	1 50
Frank Taylor,	14 10
G. H. Russell,	4 65
R. L. Sibley,	49 50
Rob Boynton,	2 85
R. L. Sibley,	6 00
Baker & Baker, bridge plank,	20 75
Rossie Woodard,	2 25
Chester Clark,	21 25
W. H. Leonard,	1 50
Geo. E. Clark,	3 45
Frank Kent,	1 20
N. D. Plumb,	5 00
Elbridge Allen,	50
Lorenzo Gould,	2 74
Warren Ames, bridge plank,	7 32

E. S. Woodard,	5 00
G. A. Fleming,	2 28
Frank Gifford,	2 55
Axel Anderson,	14 13
Wallace Fiske,	1 50
Silman H. Putnam,	4 65
C. F. Headburg,	2 00
John Sandburg,	1 75
Joseph Weatherby, gravel for roads for 1899 and 1902,	11 00
W. E. Goddard,	1 95
Paid C. L. Goddard for rebuilding the abutment and new bridge at Stoneville,	360 00
	<hr/> \$1786 79

SNOW BILLS.

N. D. Plumb,	\$3 15
Charles Jennison,	4 30
Alburn Fiske,	6 50
George Mills,	2 03
Merrill Johnson,	1 73
G. A. Fleming,	1 50
W. H. Ballou,	2 85
C. H. Cogswell,	80
Wilford Davis,	5 85
George Strong,	60
Harlan Howe,	1 20
Charles Carter,	2 03
E. F. Buzzell,	4 85
T. J. Haskell,	1 42
Frank Kent,	1 20
George Kent,	1 80
E. S. Woodard,	4 20
Eugene Blair,	1 50
Charles M. Ballou,	45
S. M. Keith,	94
R. L. Sibley,	3 30
Frank Taylor,	1 35
Chester Clark,	3 45
	<hr/> \$57 00

FIRE BILLS OF 1901.

N. D. Plumb,	\$2 00	
Joseph Lillie,	1 25	
Linden Cornwell,	1 00	
Jesse Powers,	1 40	
C. H. Cogswell,	3 00	
Almon Dirth,	1 65	
Eugene Blair,	4 40	
James Powers,	2 00	
Frazier Carey,	1 00	
W. H. Leonard,	75	
Frank Kent,	2 32	
E. H. Abbott,	90	
John Burkhardt,	3 40	
Rossie Woodard,	90	
Calvin Hudson,	2 60	
Wm. H. Ballou,	2 10	
N. D. Plumb and others,	2 25	
W. T. Crowl,	3 30	
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		\$36 22

EXPENSES BUILDING NEW ROAD TO FARLEY.

Paid C. C. Goddard for labor building road,	\$1790 00
Enterprise & Journal Co., publishing road	
tolet,	2 50
Enterprise & Journal Co., printing posters,	1 00
S. A. Davis, typewriting on making contract,	1 50
John B. Davis, labor building road on the	
south end,	69 29
Uri Stone, helping survey road,	1 50
Warren Ames, sawing grade stakes,	1 25
C. J. Rice, surveying road to Farley,	27 00
Andrew Baker, labor setting bound stones on road,	3 00
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	\$1897 04

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid C. T. Bagnall, printing blanks,	\$ 1 60
John C. Holston, services as moderator,	2 00
John C. Holston, services as auctioneer,	1 50

Frank Taylor, mowing and cleaning the cemetery,	2 00
Alonzo Granger, mowing and cleaning South cemetery,	2 00
Orange Electric Light Co., street light at Wendell Depot,	24 00
G. A. Lewis, general inspection of cattle,	11 75
G. A. Lewis, inspection of slaughtered animals,	33 75
N. D. Plumb, express and postage,	6 25
Henry L. Hoyt, wood for town hall,	4 00
N.D.Plumb, recording deaths, births and marriages,	8 90
Henry L. Hoyt, postage and stationery,	3 50
Henry L. Hoyt, care and supplies for town hall,	6 50
G. A. Lewis, services as police officer,	5 00
Calvin C. Hudson, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
Alburn Fiske, writing material, postage and Justice's fees,	7 00
C. L. Woodard, labor shingling town hall,	5 25
C. T. Bagnall, printing town reports,	36 00
W. B. Morrell, one book journal,	1 35
G.A.Lewis, balance of inspection to Apr. 1, 1901,	3 00
Flora Packard, services as Librarian,	8 25
E. P. Seymour, services as auditor,	4 00
C. M. Ballou, treasurer of Library, bill of 1900,	15 00
C. M. Ballou, treasurer of Library as voted by the town,	30 00
Emory Recording and Preserving Co., restoring town records,	30 50
G. A. Fleming, labor in the cemetery,	2 75
O. W. Wright, shingles for town hall,	16 80
C.H.Cogswell, shingles and nails for town hall,	4 54
E. A. Hall & Son, advertising bridge,	2 50
James Powers, labor shingling town hall,	5 34
H. L. Hoyt, teaming shingles from Orange,	1 87
Mass. Cattle Commissioners, branding stamp,	2 10
Julia Kavana, Librarian, services from May 1st to Dec. 1st,	14 58
Charles Lewis, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
Andrew Baker, counsel fees on grade crossing,	3 00
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	\$310 58

Expended for Schools,

\$1908 84

EXPENDED ON ROAD UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MASS. HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Paid C. L. Goddard for labor,	\$350 00
The State has paid to the Town by order of Mass. Highway Commission,	\$300 00

PAID FOR COLLECTING TAXES AND SUPPLIES.

John C. Holston, collector, 1898,	\$49 00	
C. M. Ballou, collector, 1899,	74 00	
C. M. Ballou, collector, 1900,	75 00	
C. M. Ballou, tax bills for 1899 and 1900,	10 00	
G. A. Fleming, collector, 1901,	95 00	
G. A. Fleming, tax bills for 1901,	5 50	
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ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

G. A. Fleming, collector, abatement of taxes of 1901,	\$203 10
C. M. Ballou, " " " 1900,	270 30
C. M. Ballou, " " " 1899,	157 35
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	\$630 75

TOWN AID AND OUTSIDE POOR.

J. E. Monroe, M. D., professional services to Mrs. Alonzo Fleming,	\$ 78 00
Mrs. Parker, care of Mrs. Alonzo Fleming,	14 14
Paid Wm. Davis for board and care of Chas. Rogers from Feb. 1st, 1901 to Feb. 1st, 1902,	143 79
Wallace Raymond for board and care of Mrs. Alonzo Fleming from Feb. 1st, 1901 to Feb. 1st, 1902,	278 14
Mrs. Joseph Wetherbee, nursing Mrs. Alonzo Fleming,	25 14
W. D. Strong, house rent to the Boleo family,	24 00
Alburn Fiske, cash paid out for drugs and medicines for Wm. Harvey,	32 67
Betsy Perkins, care of Willie Harvey,	14 00
F. H. Fearl, M. D., attendance to Joseph Patteral's family,	28 50
Mrs. Joseph Wetherbee, care of Mrs. Fleming,	17 00
E. H. Patridge, M. D., drugs for Wm. Harvey,	6 20
W. H. Davis, clothing for Mr. Rogers,	1 45
G. A. Lewis, goods to Mr. Rogers,	2 00
W. D. Strong, house rent, Boleo family,	24 00
Isaac Ryder, digging grave for Mrs. Rich,	2 00
G. A. Fleming, burial expenses of Mrs. E. Rich,	2 50
F. H. Fearl, M. D., attendance to Willie Harvey,	61 60
C. H. Plympton, milk bill to Ellen Harvey,	4 00
F. E. Johnson, M. D., professional services, Mrs. Boleo,	5 75
Ellen Harvey, board and care of Willie Harvey from June 1st, 1901 to Feb. 1st, 1902,	96 00
Paid the Northampton Insane Hospital for board and care of four inmates, of which three-fourths is paid back to the town by the State,	653 70
C. M. Ballou, keeping one tramp over night,	75
Mrs. Joseph Wetherbee, care of Mrs. Alonzo Fleming,	17 10
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	\$1532 43

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor have provided board for Mrs. Alonzo Fleming and care by Wallace Raymond. We have been obliged to pay a large price for board and care with extra help on account of her sickness; we have paid \$429.38 including doctor's bill of last year.

Mr. Charles Rogers has been provided with a home by William Davis and has been cared for at \$2.75 per week, \$143.79.

For Willie Harvey we have paid \$3.00 per week for his board and care to Ellen Harvey, his mother. He is unable to walk and is helpless; it has cost the town the last year, including doctor bill and other expenses, \$196.47.

ALBURN FISKE,	} Overseers	
ANDREW BAKER,		of the
J. H. WENTWORTH,		Poor.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

E. P. SEYMOUR, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of H. L. Hoyt, Treas., 1900,	\$119 04
" Orange Savings Bank, loan, 1901,	1500 00
" State Treasurer, State aid,	231 00
" " " income Mass. school fund,	612 00
" " " tuition of pupils in small towns,	130 00
" " " Account insane paupers,	508 37
" " " road from Wendell	
Depot to Wendell Village,	300 00
" Treasurer, inspection of animals,	6 75
" County Treasurer, dog tax returned,	54 83
" C. A. Stearns, State money for school	
superintendent,	62 94
" Town of Erving, tuition of pupils in	
Allen school,	25 50
" Town of Shutesbury, tuition of pupils in	
South school,	30 00
" H. B. Torrey, for grass on Town Farm,	33 50
" " " apples from Town Farm,	3 00
" Cora A. Stearns, account W. H. Stearns,	31 60
" Town of Orange, account aid rendered	
Mrs. Frank Terry,	19 50
" Franklin Savings Institution, int. on Mary	
Phelps fund,	12 24
" W. H. Ballou, for use Town Farm pasture,	2 00
" Israel Newton, clerk of district court, fine, case	
Elizabeth Stone,	10 00
" E. S. Putnam, pool table license,	2 00
" C. M. Ballou, slaughter house license,	1 00
" W. H. Ballou, " " "	1 00
" Frank Howe, " " "	1 00
" W. H. Ballou, grass on commons,	9 00
" J. C. Holston, Coll., to balance tax of 1898,	27 43
" C. M. Ballou, Coll., to balance tax of 1899,	431 15
" " " int. on tax of 1899,	27 80
" " " to balance tax of 1900,	1868 25
" " " int. on tax of "	45 78
" G. A. Fleming, Coll., to bal. tax of 1901,	5013 84

\$11120 52

PAYMENTS.

Paid	Orange Savings Bank, loan of 1901,	\$1500 00
"	" " " " int. on loan of 1901,	52 56
"	" " " " loan of 1900,	500 00
"	" " " " int. on loan of 1900,	11 80
"	County Treasurer, County tax,	525 69
"	State Treasurer, State tax,	140 00
"	" " " int. on loan of \$2000,	32 00
"	L. A. Mason, salary as School Supt. to May 25, 1901,	76 07
"	A. R. Webster, School Supt., salary to Nov. 1, 1901,	112 50
"	C. M. Ballou, Treas. library trustees, one-half dog money returned,	27 41
"	E. C. Fowler, sheriff fees, case P. J. Cannon,	5 24
"	" " " " Elizabeth Stone,	6 15
"	C. M. Ballou, Coll., for tax deed Wesley J. Watson estate,	12 50
"	C. M. Ballou, int. and tax on Wesley J. Watson estate for 1900,	2 70
"	G. A. Fleming, Coll., for tax deed Henry Noyes est.,	7 08
"	J. D. Bowker, recording deed Henry Noyes est.,	85
"	G. A. Fleming, Coll., tax on M. A. Hannigan est.,	3 00
"	G. A. Fleming, Coll., tax on John McIlvaine est. for 1901,	1 00
"	C. M. Ballou, Coll., tax on John McIlvaine estate, 1899-1900,	2 00
"	Selectmen's orders of 1900,	812 56
"	" " " " 1901,	7235 48
	Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1902,	53 93
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		\$11120 52

FARLEY ROAD ACCOUNT.

Rec'd of State Treasurer, loan for making road to Farley,	\$2000 00
Paid Selectmen's orders, acct. road,	1897 04
Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1901,	102 96
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	\$2000 00

H. L. HOYT, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have footed the accounts and examined the vouchers of H. L. Hoyt, Treasurer, and find them correct.

E. P. SEYMOUR, Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF WENDELL FOR THE YEAR 1901.

BIRTHS.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 24,	Terresie Emma Soper,	Delmer and Etta Harranden Soper.
Jan. 16,	Clarence Chas. Sisson,	Chas. L. and Lizzie Thomas Sisson.
Feb. 28,	Willis Prespair,	Edward and Willie Begor Prespair.
April 21,	Agnes Krusiwicz,	Stanislaw and Josephine Ludwig Krusiwicz.
Mch. 15,	Mildred Thomas,	David and Lizzie Jenkins Thomas.
Mch. 31.	Jerry Johnson,	George F. and Geraldine Lacy Johnson.
May 2,	Geo. Edward Mills,	George E. and Ella F. Parker Mills.
May 27,	Jenette Edith Lock,	Calvin O. and Emma M. Lock.
June 30,	Genever Day,	Frank and Rosia E. Rock Day.
Aug. 11,	Hattie Viola Taylor.	Frank and Alice M. Dresser Taylor.
Oct. 14,	Geo. Bemis Cooke,	Frank H. and Maud Soper Cooke.
Nov. 30,	unnamed Merchant,	Albert C. and Marion Prouty Merchant.

Comparison table of Births for the last five years:

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
13	10	16	10	12

DEATHS REGISTERED.

DATE.		NAME,	AGE.	DISEASE.
June	22,	George M. Rumrill,	79 years,	General Debility.
Sept.	29,	Willis Prespair,	7 months,	Cholera Infantum.
Oct.	27,	Eunice S. Fleming,	79 years,	Pneumonia
Nov.	9,	Effie M. Rich,	38 years,	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
Nov.	21,	Flavie Dutemple,	55 years,	Phthisis Pulmonary.
Nov.	30,	Infant Merchant,		Convulsions,
Dec.	5,	Nancy M. Hudson.	66 years,	Tumor of Throat.

Comparison table of Deaths for the last five years:

1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
10	15	12	10	6

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

April	6,	Dr. Lewis Fish of Fitchburg, aged 29, and Annabel Johnson of Wendell, aged 26, by Rev. C. W. Collier of Orange.
Nov.	28,	Edward P. Fleming of Orange, aged 25, and Olive May Hunter of Wendell, aged 19, by Rev. Julian S. Cutter of Orange.
Dec.	24,	Herbert W. Ward of Athol, aged 26, and Flora Lillian Young of Wendell, aged 25, by Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee of Athol.

Comparison table of Marriages for the last five years:

1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
5	1	6	4	8

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

If any mistakes have been made in the above lists, either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts the record will be corrected.

DOGS.

There have been \$90.60 returned to the County Treasurer on account of dogs licensed.

PERSONAL MORTGAGES.

There has been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from Jan. 1st, 1900 to Dec. 31st, 1901, six mortgages of personal property.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON D. PLUMB,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENDELL:

For the school year ending in June, 1901, four schools were open the entire year, and the South school one term.

The financial report is for the year ending in February, 1902, during which time six schools have been in operation, making the expenses considerably in excess of the previous year.

The South and the Northeast schools were opened because it was found to be impossible to arrange for the conveyance of the pupils to other schools. There seemed to be in these neighborhoods a decided feeling against consolidation which prevented a satisfactory arrangement in that line.

The statistics are for the school year ending in June. There is a gain in attendance, and it is also gratifying to note that the cases of tardiness were fewer in number than during the previous year.

The most important change of the year is in the supervision. Owing to the vote of the town of Orange to hire a superintendent independently of other towns, it was necessary to form a new district. This was done by the union of the towns of Erving, Leverett, Shutesbury and Wendell.

Miss L. A. Mason, who had served as superintendent of the old district for ten years, and whose work in our schools cannot be over estimated, resigned.

The committee of the towns forming the new district met in April and elected Mr. Arthur R. Webster of Orange to the position of Superintendent of Schools. This position he has filled satisfactorily since the opening of the school year in the fall.

Of his salary Wendell will pay \$450 and will receive from the State at the close of his year, August 1, 1902, \$375. Of

ACTUAL COST TO THE TOWN FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount paid as per preceding statement,	\$2092 38
Less received from State, Mass. School Fund, \$350 00	
" " " for teachers' salaries, 262 00	
" " " on account Dist. Supt., 62 94	
" due from State, on account supervision,	
$\frac{1}{4}$ year, (new district), 93 75	
" received from State, reimbursement High	
School tuition, 130 00	
" received from Erving and Shutesbury,	
tuition, 55 50	954 19
Net cost,	<u>\$1138 19</u>

The two extra schools opened during the year, are responsible for \$330 of this cost, for teachers' salaries, fuel and supervision.

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Mrs. L. M. Hook,	\$224 00
Mrs. C. A. Stearns,	288 00
Mrs. Effie Bowen,	140 00
Miss Etta Murphay,	102 00
Miss K. M. Bachelder,	150 00
Miss J. T. DeLay,	248 00
Miss M. E. Miner,	100 00
Miss L. E. Dickinson,	60 00
	<u>\$1312 00</u>

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. F. Buzzell, chairman,	\$10 00	
Mrs. C. A. Stearns, secretary,	15 00	
J. H. Wentworth,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 00

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Allen school, care and cleaning,	\$6 50	
Centre " "	3 00	
Southwest school, "	2 00	
Northwest " "	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$14 50

FUEL.

E. D. Graves,	\$14 25	
A. Baker,	12 00	
C. H. Jennison,	4 50	
Warren Ames,	5 00	
Lorenzo Gould,	2 00	
Andrew Bemis,	1 25	
C. A. Lewis,	14 00	
W. McLearn,	50	
	<hr/>	\$53 50

REPAIRS.

Orange Hardware Co.,	\$2 31	
S. M. Keith, painting black-boards,	2 00	
J. H. Wentworth,	3 20	
C. H. Cogswell,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$9 26

MISCELLANEOUS.

L. A. Mason, books and supplies,	\$26 05	
A. R. Webster, " "	8 23	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	4 34	
Geo. F. King,	18 73	
C. H. Cogswell, supplies,	2 30	
J. H. Wentworth, school census,	5 00	
Postage, express, justice fees, small supplies,		
etc.,	6 70	
	<hr/>	\$71 35

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

Miss Lizzie A. Mason,	\$76 07
Arthur R. Webster,	\$112 50

CONVEYANCE.

U. A. Stone,	\$7 45	
W. E. Goddard,	8 00	
J. Thieringer,	4 20	
S. Krusiewicz,	3 80	
J. H. Wentworth,	15 05	
Bessie Brown,	2 25	
C. H. Caldwell,	6 45	
H. Lehrman,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$77 20

TUITION.

Town of Orange, high school,	\$75 00	
" New Salem, "	25 00	
" Montague, "	30 00	
" Montague,	6 00	
" Erving,	195 00	
	<hr/>	\$331 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. BUZZELL,	}	School Committee.
MRS. C. A. STEARNS,		
J. H. WENTWORTH,		

Table Showing Schools, Teachers, Attendance, etc., for the Year Ending in June, 1901.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Number Enrolled.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per cent. of Attend- ance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Number of half- day Absences.	Number of Visitors.
Centre,	Mrs. C. A. Stearns,	26	24.9	23.8	96	26	380	85
Allen,	Miss J. T. DeLay,	17	14.84	14.09	95	17	238	29
Northwest,	Miss M. E. Murphay,	19	16.46	15.49	94	19	306	62
Southwest,	Mrs. L. M. Hook, Miss L. E. Dickinson,	8	5.43	5.01	92	40	117	54
South,	Mrs. L. M. Hook,	1*	8.61	8.53	99	0	9	27
Total,		71	70.24	66.92	95	102	1050	257

*South school open only one term. The pupils had been previously enrolled elsewhere. In addition to the total enrollment given, there were eleven pupils in our schools who are not counted in our list, as they had previously been enrolled elsewhere in the State. There were also twenty-three pupils schooled in Erving.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING IN JUNE, 1901.

Number of children in town, Sept. 1, 1900, between 5 and 15 years,						88
" " "	"	"	"	7	I 4	67
Whole number of children in schools,						71
" " "	"	"	under 5 years,			0
" " "	"	"	over 15 years,			2
" " "	"	"	between 5 and 15 years,			69
" " "	"	"	"	7	I 4	56
Average Membership,						70
Average Attendance,						67
Per Cent. of Attendance,						95
Whole number of Schools.						5
Number of pupils schooled in Erving,						23
" " attending High School,						5
" " Boys			Schools,			47
" " Girls			"			24

NAMES OF PUPILS PERFECT IN ATTEND-
ANCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING
IN JUNE, 1901.

Three Terms.

Buckley, Bernice
Hook, Gustof
Hunter, Walter
Merchant, Edith
Merchant, Maud
Prespair, Rose
Thomas, Mamie

Two Terms.

Cornwell, Carrie
Cornwell, Mary
Goddard, Esther
Taylor, Edith
Taylor, Leon
Woodard, George

One Term.

Begor, Solon
Cannon, Florence
Cary, Archie
Dirth, Florence
Goddard, Henry
Goddard, Owen
Granger, Lester
Hadstat, Alice
Hubbard, Addie
Hubbard, Grace
Hunter, Clifford

Hunter, John
Hunter, Raymond
Jennison, Ralph
LaFontaine, Henry
Lehrmann, Henry
Locke, Emma
Merchant, George
Merchant, Harold
Merchant, Ruby
Woodard, Elzina
Woodard, Frank
Woodard, Willie

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WENDELL:—

I have the honour of submitting to you my report as Superintendent. It will be impossible for me, not having assumed the duties of the office until August, 1901, to review the teachers and some parts of the school work as begun by your former Superintendent in accordance with the State regulations:—namely, from September, 1900 to June, 1901. The table of attendance, teachers, etc., will afford some opportunity to reflect, but I am unable to give the particular reasons for the variations.

In taking up the work of a new and so extensive district, I have found my time and energy much divided, because of the many and pressing demands made upon the office. The teachers, pupils and local conditions were all strange to me. I am pleased to say that I found the schools in excellent condition, three of them under former teachers and all in good hands. The records and necessary information was also at hand, so that very little time was lost in opening the schools in August.

The veteran teacher, Mrs. L. M. Hook, continued in the South school, Mrs. C. A. Stearns in the Centre, and Miss J. T. DeLay in the Depot school. At the Northwest school, Miss Kate Bachelder succeeded Miss M. E. Murphay who accepted a position at Turners Falls, Mrs. Effie Bowen and Miss Mary E. Miner were engaged to teach the Northeast and West school

respectively. All the teachers have been doing as good work as they could under the circumstances. They are obliged to devote short periods to each class in order to have all the classes recite, so they can not help the different pupils as much as might be desirable, for lack of time. The teachers have responded to and assisted the Superintendent in his efforts to keep in close touch with the work of the schools, and they have cheerfully acted upon his suggestions.

The State Board of Education is persistently urging the employment of Normal trained teachers when new teachers are engaged. It is very probable that legislation will require such a training and State examinations soon. Inasmuch as the town receives much financial aid from the State, it naturally follows that the State has a right to advise about the use of the money. It would be better from an educational point of view to comply so far as possible with the suggestions of the State. I believe the committee and many of the people recognize the advantage of having such teachers provided they have the natural ability to teach, but it is hard to find and secure these teachers with the salary offered. We have been especially fortunate this year in finding teachers of ability, but we must be on guard in the future and do all in our power toward permanent improvements.

The text books are in very good condition though there is a shortage in numbers. A few readers and geographies are needed. I would recommend a change of text books in arithmetics. The present book is good in grades when the teacher has plenty of time to supplement and adjust. In our schools, however, a series that brings the pupils to the fundamental principles as such by a shorter method than the spiral, which requires about nine years, is preferable. The present books are good for the lower grades. For grades six, seven and eight, I would recommend a practical and comprehensive book, and a complete book for review in the ninth year. Such a plan is good for any school and specially so for our schools because so many pupils drop out before the course is completed.

The attendance has been very good on the whole, though the last of the winter term was much broken by vaccinations, which the Board of Health deemed necessary. I regret that this

action was not taken during the Thanksgiving vacation or a few weeks later. At either time it would not have interfered with our school attendance. As the vaccination has been so general, it might be best to require the others to be vaccinated according to requirements of the law and so prevent another such interruption.

I consider the regular and punctual attendance of pupils a very important matter. It shows the interest of pupils and parents. School work can not be performed in a satisfactory manner without close attention. In this respect, it is like every other worthy occupation. In Wendell there is not the signal for "no school" as in larger places, but the children come to school generally in all kinds of weather, showing that many have not lost the sturdiness and self-denial of their ancestors, as in the case of many city children. I appreciate this effort on the part of pupils and parents and hope it may continue, for it is a most wholesome lesson for the pupils. They will enjoy, I believe, better health for it.

The convention of the Franklin County Teachers' Association was held in Greenfield and was attended by all the teachers. These meetings are very interesting and helpful, and merit the support of every teacher.

The town is not situated as well as we might wish for consolidation. If there were a larger school house at the Center, it might be easier to close some of the smaller schools and increase and improve the larger. At present this is not possible. It was impossible to secure conveyance for the pupils in the West and Northeast districts, so these two very small schools were opened. This increased the expenses and caused a deficiency of funds for supplies and books. There are many advantages afforded by consolidating the small schools. I will name two concerning teachers. It is difficult to find good teachers for the salary offered, and if they are really successful, other positions paying larger wages will attract them. Fewer schools and larger salaries would aid in securing experienced teachers, and, what is more, would help to keep them.

Now that the new road from the Northwest school to Farley is opened, it would seem possible to build a school house which

could accommodate the pupils on the Wendell side at Farley and those at the Northwest school. A good, substantial building large enough for these pupils could be constructed for \$1000. It would be a saving from \$50 to \$75 per year, and pay the interest on the money for a new building if necessary. The teacher's salary could be increased as well. This is probably the most important school question that can be brought before the voters. I hope some action will be taken to investigate, to bring the matter before the voters.

I cannot close this report without thanking the teachers, committee and all who have aided me in performing my duties by their kindly interest and helpful co-operation. Pledging my best efforts to the schools and bespeaking your continued interest in them, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

ARTHUR R. WEBSTER,

Superintendent of Schools.

LIBRARY REPORT.

TO THE HON. SELECTMEN, TOWN OF WENDELL, MASS. :

Gentlemen:—

The Wendell Free Library has prospered much more than formerly the past few months, and has come to be recognized next to our schools, as not only a useful institution of knowledge, but also of recreation to many of our people; we only wish it could be to all. We have been most generously remembered with gifts of books from friends in other places. We have had two sets of books loaned us by the Woman's Educational Society of Boston, and two sets of pictures, also a set of Stereopticon Views of Birds loaned by Mass. Audubon Society. All of these proved to be a great success.

Miss Kavana, our librarian, seeing with the growth of the Library the need of a change in classification and cataloguing, adopted the Cutter system. Through her solicitation of friends outside of the town, she has furnished the Library with desk, chair, drawer catalogue with cards, lamp and step-ladder at a cost of thirty-two dollars which does not include the ladder. One friend gave twenty-five dollars, one five dollars, and two one dollar each. She applied to the Conway Library trustees for a portion of books which they were to give away, and has been promised by them quite a number. She has attended for the benefit of the library, at her own expense, meetings of the Mass. Western Library Club of which she is a member, at Northfield and Greenwich Village, and at Worcester of the Mass. Library Club, thereby keeping our library before the public, which has been the means of obtaining much valuable information and many favors.

During her absence the library has been under the care of Mrs. Geo. A. Fleming, who is very much interested in the work, and doing all possible to promote its interests.

We have added by purchase 59 books, and by gifts 113. The donors are : State 39, Mr. Heaton 29, Mrs. Vorce 7, Mr. Kent 2, Miss E. P. Sohler 30, Mr. Baker 5, Mr. Goddard 1.

RECEIPTS :

From old account,	\$3 74	
Town appropriation,	30 00	
C. E. supper,	5 16	
Fines,	60	
One-half dog fund,	27 42	
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EXPENDITURES.

Books from Jordan, Marsh & Co.,	\$28 20	
Postage,	10	
Munsey and Cosmopolitan magazines,	2 00	
Date stamp,	25	
Tags and paste,	85	
Sundries,	6 55	
Balance to new account,	28 97	
	<hr/>	\$66 92

H. J. SMITH,	}	Trustees.
MRS. C. A. STEARNS,		
CHAS. M. BALLOU,		

Wendell, Feb. 17, 1902.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of Chas. M. Ballou, treasurer of the library, and find them correct.

E. P. SEYMOUR, Auditor.

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